



Written testimony submitted to the State, Civic, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee  
In opposition to HB22-1105 Deadly Force Against Intruder at a Business  
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HB22-1105 Deadly Force Against Intruder at a Business would extend current immunity from prosecution for the use of deadly force. Under current law one is permitted to use deadly force to defend oneself and others from unlawful force and imminent harm. This bill specifically identifies business owners, managers, and employees.

Two recent studies on the effect of "Stand Your Ground" laws on violent crime and firearm homicide, cited below, indicate that these laws do not reduce violent crime and probably increase the incidence of firearm homicide.

Coloradans' rights to self-defense are protected in the current statutes. Asking a person to exercise judgement before using deadly force is not an infringement of those rights. Encouraging retreat when possible is only encouraging de-escalation of potentially dangerous situations.

I urge the committee to vote no on HB22-1105 Deadly Force Against Intruder at a Business.

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The Effects of Stand Your Ground Laws, updated 22 April 2020, Gun Policy in America, The Rand Corporation, <https://www.rand.org/research/gun-policy/analysis/stand-your-ground.html>

Michelle Degli Esposti, Douglas J. Wiebe, Antonio Gasparrini, David K. Humphreys, Analysis of "Stand Your Ground" Self-defense Laws and Statewide Rates of Homicides and Firearm Homicides, Downloaded From: <https://jamanetwork.com/> on 02/22/2022  
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